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Security Council

10:00 — 7909th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015) and 2332 (2016) (S/2017/244)

Morning (following the adjournment of the 7909th meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2017/244)

Other matters

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

15:00 to 18:00 — 28th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed seventy-first session of the General Assembly

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
2. United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
3. Executive meeting

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Third session

10:00 to 13:00 Open meeting Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Open meeting Conference Room 2

Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 6] (*continued*)

Informal working group on environmental impact assessments (*continued*)

[*PaperSmart* arrangements will be available for the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred. To access the PaperSmart of the Preparatory Committee, please *click here*.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hardcopies* of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour before* delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

10:00 to 13:00 7th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00 8th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

General exchange of views: General exchange of views on all matters [item 8 (b)] *(continued)*

Interactive dialogue

[The agenda of the conference and the timetable of meetings of the March session of the conference are contained in documents A/CONF.229/2017/2 and A/CONF.229/2017/3, respectively.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1 and A/CONF.229/2017/INF/1/Corr.1.

Delegations wishing to participate in the *general exchange of views*, are requested to inscribe with the United Nations Secretariat, *in writing*, by e-mail (nuclear.conference@un.org). Delegations participating in the *general exchange of views* during the March session of the Conference are encouraged to limit their statements to *ten minutes*.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the conference only after delivery by delegations. Also, a minimum of *30 copies* of the text of statements to be delivered at the Conference should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat.

The *credentials* of representatives and the names of members of a delegation should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3633 or S-3639), *as soon as possible*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Copies of the credentials should also be transmitted to the Protocol and Liaison Service (e-mail unprotocol@un.org; Room S-0201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Permanent representatives and observers are kindly requested to submit a *comprehensive list of the members of their delegation* to the conference, including the functional titles and affiliations of each member, to the Secretariat of the conference (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org; Room S-3058) *no later than Friday, 31 March 2017*. A final comprehensive list of delegations to the conference will be issued in August 2017.

The *participation of non-governmental organizations* in the conference shall be governed by the decision adopted by the conference at its organizational session on 16 February 2017 (A/CONF.229/2017/4). A note by the Secretariat containing information for civil society representatives has been issued as document A/CONF.229/2017/INF/2.

It is strongly recommended that documents submitted by States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities *should not exceed five pages* (2,650 words) to reduce costs, facilitate translation and ensure timely issuance. States, intergovernmental organizations and other entities are requested to submit documents in Microsoft Word format to the conference Secretariat (e-mail nuclear.conference@un.org). In light of the short timeframe in which the conference will conduct its work, advance and unedited submissions may be posted in their original language on the Conference website maintained by the Office for Disarmament Affairs upon request, pending their issuance in six languages.

Limited space for lunchtime *side events* is available in the main conference room assigned to the conference. Delegations wishing to hold a lunchtime side event in Conference Room 4 (until 31 March) or Conference Room 1 (15 June to 7 July) are invited to contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378), with a copy of the request to nuclear.conference@un.org. The available space will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Additional information on the conference is also available on the conference website (*click here*).]

International Civil Service Commission
Eighty-fourth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

15:00 to 18:00	317th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Commission on Population and Development

Informal informal consultations

13:00 to 15:00 — Informal informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 11

On the draft decisions of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair-designate, Ms. Nicola Barker-Murphy (Jamaica), and the Vice-Chair, Ms. Eleonora van Munster (Netherlands)

Informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 11

On the zero-draft resolution on the special theme of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair-designate, Ms. Nicola Barker-Murphy (Jamaica), and the Vice-Chair, Ms. Eleonora van Munster (Netherlands)

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Informal discussion on "Marine Genetic Resources: Access and Benefit Sharing" (organized by the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

08:10 to 09:45 — Conference Room 7

All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and the Secretariat are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

09:00 to 10:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 17:00 — Closed meeting — Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Arab Group (experts of the Second and Third Committees)

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room C

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

10:30 to 12:30 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 7

Briefing on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade and the Socio-economic Contributions of People of African Descent" (on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) (A/RES/62/122)) (organized by the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, Education Outreach Section and NGO Relations, Advocacy and Special Events Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI))

11:00 to 12:30 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380); or Ms. Omyma David, DPI (e-mail david17@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6320).

Briefing on "2017 Global Infrastructure Forum" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank)

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact DESA (Mr. Arend Janssen (e-mail janssena@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5620); or Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5105)); or *click here*.

Informal consultations on "The Assessment of the High-level Review of United Nations Sanctions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Australia and Compliance and Capacity Skills International, LLC)

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Darren Hansen, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail darren.hansen@dfat.gov.au; tel. 1 (212) 351-6625).

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Monday, 3, and Tuesday, 4 April 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting (closed) of the General Assembly on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council

Delegates wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the meeting on Monday, 3 April, are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)). The meeting on Tuesday, 4 April, will be interactive in nature and will not have a prepared list of speakers.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 March 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives.]

Disarmament Commission

2017 substantive session

3 to 21 April 2017

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate are invited to kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The Secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail vrastiak@un.org), *as soon as possible*, the name(s) of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

2017 session

Thursday, 6 April 2017

10:00 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-seventh session

5 to 23 June 2017

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks before* the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 19 May 2017*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (304 East 45th Street, Room FF-700; tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; fax 1 (212) 963-1943; or by e-mail to contributions@un.org).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Informal wrap-up session

Friday, 31 March 2017

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Briefing by the President of the Security Council for the month of March, His Excellency Matthew Rycroft (United Kingdom), for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, on the work of the Council for the month of March

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)
Regional outreach meeting

Friday, 31 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi (Italy), Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), will convene a first regional outreach meeting for Member States of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC). The purpose of the meeting will be to explore challenges and opportunities for a better understanding and more effective implementation of the Security Council sanctions regime regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), particularly resolutions 2270 (2016) and 2321 (2016). At the meeting, participants will hear a briefing by the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1874 (2009), followed by an interactive discussion.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Open briefing

Wednesday, 5 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

Open briefing on "Denying safe haven to those who finance, plan, support or commit terrorist acts, or provide safe havens, and preventing terrorists from abusing the asylum system, in conformity with international law"

All Member States are invited to attend. The provisional agenda for the special meeting may be consulted by *clicking here*.

For information concerning substantive issues, please contact Mr. David McKeever, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (e-mail mckeever@un.org). Questions concerning administrative issues may be addressed to Ms. Nina-Belle Mbayu, CTED (e-mail mbayun@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Partnership Forum

Wednesday, 5 April 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 2017 Partnership Forum on the theme "Partnerships for promoting opportunities, increased prosperity and sustainable development for all".

The forum will be interactive in nature and there will be no pre-determined list of speakers. Delegations are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for group statements).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail leonc@un.org), with copy to yogasundram@un.org, *as early as possible*.

Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum *no later than 12:00*, on Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Partnership Forum, including the concept note and draft programme, is available from the website of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*). For further details, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; or tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)).

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Friday, 7 April 2017

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The special meeting will be held pursuant to Council resolution 2017/2 and decision 2017/209. The special meeting will hold interactive discussions and a general discussion.

The interactive discussions will have a free-flowing format, with interventions limited to *three minutes*. There will be no list of speakers during the interactive discussions.

Requests for inscription to the *general discussion*, to be held from 17:15 to 17:50, should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org), with copy to Ms. Isabel Tañedo (e-mail tanedo@un.org)). Statements shall not exceed *three minutes* for individual delegations, and *five minutes* for groups.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Economic and Social Council PaperSmart portal (*click here*) after delivery by delegations. Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

For further information on the special meeting, including the concept note and tentative programme, please *click* here, or contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; Room DC2-2186).

Coordination and management meeting

Wednesday, 19, to Friday, 21 April 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency Marie Chatardová (Czech Republic). The provisional programme for the meeting is available from the website of the Council (please *click here*). For further information, please contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 19 April 2017, in the morning. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2017/1/Add.1, as well as in document E/2017/9 and its addenda. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb (please *click here*).

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence *no later than Thursday, 30 March 2017*, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (Attn: Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org and ecosocelections@un.org)); by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Requests for inscription on the *list of speakers* for the general discussion of the agenda items and sub-items listed in the provisional programme should be communicated to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org), with copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org)). The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

PaperSmart services will be available to delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically. Please send a copy of the statement at *least one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal of the Economic and Social Council (please *click here*) after delivery by delegations.

For inclusion in the *list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

Special meeting on innovations for infrastructure development and promoting sustainable industrialization
Wednesday, 31 May 2017

The Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting to highlight the relevance of industry, innovation and infrastructure (Goal 9) for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The special meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe) and will comprise interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers, with interventions limited to *three minutes*.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing, no later than noon on Tuesday, 30 May 2017*, the names of the representatives attending the meeting to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o Mr. Jose Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the conclusion of the 2017 session of the Council.

In advance of the special meeting, two preparatory events will be organized away from Headquarters: (a) Preparatory regional meeting on infrastructure and industrialization in developing countries, to be held in Dakar, Senegal (26 March 2017); and (b) Preparatory meeting on agriculture and agro-industries development toward sustainable and resilient food systems, to be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (24-26 April 2017). The meetings are open to all Member States.

For more information on the special meeting and its preparatory events, please contact Mr. Gregory Barrett, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail barrettg@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4723). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Friday, 31 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 11
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 11

On the zero-draft resolution on the special theme of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair-designate, Ms. Nicola Barker-Murphy (Jamaica), and the Vice-Chair, Ms. Eleonora van Munster (Netherlands)

Fiftieth session

Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 April 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2017/1 and E/CN.9/2017/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Christa Giles (e-mail giles@un.org; Room S-3066; with copy to leu@un.org).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4, on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)). In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 3 (General debate on: (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels; and (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation), will be held from Monday, 3 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

The discussion of agenda item 4 (Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population) will be held on Thursday, 6 April 2017 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2017/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For *statements and PaperSmart arrangements*, delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages (*click here*).

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least one hour* in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring 30 copies of their statements for technical services.

The date and time of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission, can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fifty-first session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its fiftieth session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Sixteenth session

24 April to 5 May 2017 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2017/1 and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2017/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, *in advance of the session*, to the Secretary of the Forum (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; Room S-3066). Kindly be reminded that the observers who have not indicated their participation by the established deadline will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the sixteenth session of the Forum, please *click here*.

The sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a *PaperSmart manner*. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal. Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

The *list of speakers* will open on Monday, 3 April 2017. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 7

On UNDP Strategic Plan 2018-2021: Funding issues

All interested delegations are invited.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Panel discussion on "Inclusion in the Making of Constitutions – Who are 'We the People'?" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Peru, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department of Political Affairs)

Friday, 31 March 2017

12:00 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Kieran M. Lettrich, Office of the Permanent Observer for International IDEA (e-mail k.lettrich@idea.int; tel. 1 (212) 286-1084).

High-level event on "Population in Movement: Addressing the Opportunities and Challenges to Ensure Care and Services to the Migrants with Autism and Developmental Disabilities" (in observance World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (A/RES/62/139)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, China, India, Qatar and Turkey and Autism Speaks)

Friday, 31 March 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Rokebul Haque, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh (e-mail joyrokeb15@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 876-3434).

Informal technical briefings on the forthcoming draft report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

On domestic and international private business and finance

Monday, 3 April 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 11

On international development cooperation; and data, monitoring and follow-up

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

On domestic public resources

Thursday, 6 April 2017

16:30 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla, Financing for Development Office (e-mail chowla@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8618); or *click here*.

Special events on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April) (A/RES/60/97)

NGO briefing on "The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Monday, 3 April 2017

15:00 to 16:30 Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Ms. Larisa Khiryanova, UNMAS (e-mail khiryanova@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4953); to register, please *click here*.

Briefing on "Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs): What is an IED?" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Thursday, 6 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, UNMAS (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).

Briefing on "Landmine Clearance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Let's Finish the Job!" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Friday, 7 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Larisa Khiryanova, UNMAS (e-mail khiryanova@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4953).

Briefing on "International Fora on Energy for Sustainable Development" (on the preparations for the Ministerial Conference and the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Astana, Kazakhstan) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan and the United Nations Regional Commissions New York Office)

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room B

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gulnara Roll, United Nations Regional Commissions New York Office (e-mail roll@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-7149.

Workshops organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and research (UNITAR) New York Office

On empowering women in peace processes

Wednesday, 5 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register please *click here*.

On skills building: Elections to United Nations organs

Wednesday, 12 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register please *click here*.

On international criminal jurisdiction: Issues and challenges

Monday, 17 April 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room S-0310

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Pelayo Álvarez, UNITAR New York Office (e-mail pelayo.alvarez@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196); to register please *click here*.

Briefing on the forthcoming sixteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (24 April-5 May 2017) (organized by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

Thursday, 6 April 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 5

The briefing is open to permanent missions only. To register, please contact Ms. Mirian Masaquiza, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail masaquiza@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9607).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the months of *March* and *April 2017*:

Introduction to legal resources

Finding speeches (English and French)

Voting information (English and French)

Introduction to library services

General Assembly documentation

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and French)

Treaty research

Security Council documentation

Research on the United Nations Charter

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Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-second session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 28 April 2017,* so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required.* Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 71/41, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale ODA/08-2017/CAC dated 20 February 2017);

Resolution 71/45, paras. 4 and 5, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale dated 10 February 2017) (this submission should be sent to ccm@unog.ch); and

Resolution 71/62, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 5 December 2016 (Note verbale ODA/05-2017/D&D dated 20 February 2017).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (*click here*), by *Friday, 28 April 2017,* the information relevant to resolution 70/21, paras. 1, 3, 4 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/06-2017/OIMM dated 20 February 2017 refers).

2017 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2017 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Thursday, 20 April 2017* (Note Verbale ODA/01-2017/Fellowship Programme dated 24 January 2017). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais de Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here.*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2017, as follows:

Fourth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (20 June 2017), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (*click here* for general information);

Twenty-seventh Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (22 June 2017), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information); and

Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (28 June 2017), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted no later than one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room S-1309). For any clarifications on these elections, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here)*, or contact Mr. Nenad Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.

The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2017 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

United Nations conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination

[archived video]

5th meeting

General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters [item 8 (b)]

Topic 1: Principles and objectives and preambular elements

The conference continued its consideration of Topic 1 (Principles and objectives and preambular elements), under sub-item (b) of agenda item 8.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Equatorial Guinea.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with a decision taken at its organizational session, the conference heard statements by Ms. Linnet Ngayu, African Council of Religious Leaders; Mr. Tilman Ruff, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War; and Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, Western States Legal Foundation; as well as by Mr. Jean-Marie Collin and Mr. Kazuo Shii, Parliamentarians for Nuclear-proliferation and Disarmament.

The conference thus concluded its consideration of Topic 1 (Principles and objectives, preambular elements), under sub-item (b) of agenda item 8.

Topic 2: Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Mexico, Sweden, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Algeria, the Philippines, Austria, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Guatemala, Cuba, South Africa, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Peru.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

6th meeting

General exchange of views: general exchange of views on all matters [item 8 (b)]

Topic 2: Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms

The conference continued its consideration of Topic 2 (Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms), under sub-item (b) of agenda item 8.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria, Egypt, Ireland, Switzerland, Argentina, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand and Bangladesh.

In accordance with a decision taken at its organizational session, the conference heard statements by Ms. Thea Katrin Mjelstad, Norwegian People's Aid Solidarity Youth; Ms. Susi Snyder, PAX; Ms. Elizabeth Minor, Article 36; Mr. Yasuyoshi Komizo, Mayors for Peace; Ms. Ray Acheson, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Mr. John Burroughs, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; Mr. Daniele Santi, Senzatomica; Mr. Zia Mian, Princeton University; Mr. Joshua Torres Sandoval, Autonomous University of Baja; Mr. Kimiaki Kawai, Soka Gakkai International; and Ms. Anna Ikeda, Amplify Youth Network.

The President made a statement.

The observer of Holy See made a statement.

The conference thus concluded its consideration of Topic 2 (Core prohibitions: effective legal measures, legal provisions and norms) under sub-item (b) of agenda item 8.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Suriname (29 March 2017)

Protocol amending article 1 (a), article 14 (1) and article 14 (3) (b) of the European Agreement of 30 September 1957 concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR). Geneva, 28 October 1993

Accession: Ukraine (28 March 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Cabo Verde
His Excellency José Luis Fialho Rocha

Asia-Pacific States
Malaysia
His Excellency M. Shahrul Ikram Yaakob

Eastern European States
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vlad Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States
Guatemala
His Excellency Jorge Skinner-Klée Arenales

Western European and other States
Germany
His Excellency Harald Braun

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are kindly requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal available at http://delegate.un.int. The e-Speakers link to inscribe for the plenary meetings *is open*. An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM help-desk (help-desk@un.org). For any other inquiries regarding the list of speakers, please contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org).

For *PaperSmart Services,* delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a

password to access the Portal. Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 118, 120 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-second session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/72/50.

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For live and on-demand webcast coverage on the United Nations Web TV website, please contact the Department of Public Information (Mr. Andreas Damianou (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733) and Ms. Valérie Justin (e-mail justin@un.org); [webcast] How to book a webcast (*click here*);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

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Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Documents Issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 28 March 2017

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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	Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
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Economic and Social Council	
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Communications to the Editor

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